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In re Application of)
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Serial No.: 09/554,992)
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Filed: May 23, 2000)
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For: An Improved Method Of Assaying For)
A Preferred Enzyme And/Or Preferred)
Detergent Composition)

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information (listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto) of which they are aware, that they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

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Respectfully submitted,

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